

Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc.



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2019 PARADE STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

CELEBRATING BEL AIR — OUR HOME TOWN!

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019 ■ PARADE START: 6:00 PM

Welcome to the 2019 Bel Air Independence Day Parade! We think we have a VERY EXCITING PARADE this year — thank you for participating. THESE INSTRUCTIONS are the same as last year, but even if you are a SEASONED parade veteran, please read them very carefully!


YOU are in the **COLOR GUARDS**
part of the parade — the very front.

These instructions are accompanied by 7 pdfs — so, 8 attachments in all. The 7 are:


1. STAGING-AREA-FAR pdf: a map showing the entire region and how to approach Bel Air.
2. Staging Area pdf-- you take the **RED ROUTE** -- PDF
3. A close-up of where you go pdf — see the black dot and the **RED X in the yellow circle!**
4. Parade Route 2019 pdf
5. Dispersal Area Map pdf — note various unit dispersal protocols
6. A PARADE VEHICLE PASS pdf — **RED: PRINT THIS OUT IN COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE**
7. A Drop-off PASS pdf — **RED: PRINT THIS OUT IN COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE**

Please make sure all members of your unit are FULLY AWARE of the staging and dispersal. You should PHOTOCOPY THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP! ALSO, the MAPS & INSTRUCTIONS are available online at <http://www.belairjuly4.org/paradestaging.php> (as of June 25).

GETTING TO THE STAGING AREA: SEE Maps 1, 2 & 3

THE STAGING AREA OPENS AT 4 PM ON JULY 4. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE THEN. ALL UNITS SHOULD REPORT FIRST to the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and MacPhail road -- this is the  point. Its address is 900 S. Main Street.

NOTE: if you driving, you MUST approach from the SOUTH or FROM MacPHAIL ROAD — you will NOT be able to get to this point THROUGH the staging area OR from the Town, using S. Main Street — it CLOSES at 4 pm. PLEASE CONSULT MAP #1 to find ALTERNATE ROUTES!!! TURN ON YOUR FLASHERS as you approach! Of course, if you are WALKING, it's much easier ...

AS YOU ARRIVE at the  point — see Map 2 — SHOW your VEHICLE PASSES to the Marshals and/or policemen at that intersection. You will then be directed into the **RED AREA** (the school grounds complex). ONCE you arrive in the RED area, you have to go up the entire Access Road to RIGHT on IDLEWILD STREET (see Map 3), all the way to the **BLACK DOT!** AT THAT POINT, your Marshals will put you in place and order.

IF you have people being DROPPED OFF to be in your unit, use the DROP OFF PASSES to get to where your unit is staged, to drop off parade participants; but remember — **DROP-OFF VEHICLES MUST LEAVE THE STAGING AREA AFTER DROPPING-OFF** — ONLY PARADE VEHICLES will be permitted to REMAIN in the staging area!

First go to:  → THEN proceed to **RED — INTO SCHOOL ACCESS ROADS**

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You must **ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5 PM** in order to make sure you are put in the right place!

The 2019 Parade begins at the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and Idewild Street. See Map 4!

DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS: SEE DISPERSAL AREA MAP # 5

The Parade (red arrows) “ends” Right in front of the Harford County Historical Society HQ (the old Post Office). At that point, your marshals will direct you as follows (depending what you have in your unit):

- **ORANGE OR GREEN ARROWS:** All marching units and floats or trucks bearing children or other participants will go straight; floats go **PAST** the Klein’s ShopRite entrance and offload or go into the lot as directed by the marshals; Marching Units turn right into ShopRite where they may meet the parents, etc.
- **BLUE ARROWS:** All motorized units, cars, trucks, etc. that are not carrying passengers to be offloaded (this includes beauty queens, elected officials, commercial motor units, etc.) will either (as they wish) make the u-turn onto Bond Street or the hard right turn onto East Gordon Street, and then exit the area.

PARADE DECORUM

DURING THE PARADE: there is no stopping at any time, especially at the Reviewing Stand! **No distributing or throwing anything at spectators!** This is very important and we will be rigid about enforcing this!

KEEP THE PARADE MOVING and OBEY YOUR PARADE MARSHALL AT ALL TIMES!

INCLEMENT WEATHER PARADE CANCELLATION

The “go/no-go” time for cancellation due to inclement weather is 4:00 pm on the afternoon of July 4th. Cancellation (if it occurs) will be announced on **FACEBOOK & TWITTER** and on the following radio stations:

WBAL-AM 1090, WAMD-AM 970 & WXCX-FM 103.7

If the parade is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled.

Note: All parade rules as published will be strictly enforced.
If you have any questions, please call Michael Blum at 410-879-4245.



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